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SUBJ: SOVIET COMPLAINT CONCERNING HARASSMENT BY MEMBERS OF
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE FROM SMUN DATED DECEMBER 23,
1975 COMPLAINING ABOUT HARASSMENT BY MEMBERS OF JDL AGAINST
SOVIET MISSION OFFICIALS. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT
OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

" THE MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED
STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOR
TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING.

"1. DURING NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, UNKNOWN PERSONS REPEATEDLY
WALKED UP TO THE
MISSION BUILDING AND SPECIALLY PHOTOGRAPHED BOTH OFFICIALS
OF THE MISSION AND PERSONS VISITING THE MISSION, THUS CAUSING
OBVIOUSLY ABNORMAL CONDITIONS AROUND THE
USSR MISSION TO THE UN.

"2. RECENTLY, LETTERS HAVE BEEN ARRIVING AT THE USSR MISSION
WHICH CONTAIN THREATS AGAINST THE MISSION AND OTHER SOVIET
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ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS AGAINST THEIR STAFF

MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES. HOOLIGANS FROM THE SO-CALLED "JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE" ARE MANIFESTING PERMANENT SPECIAL ACTIVITY IN THIS. THEY ARE THREATENING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS, AS WELL AS (THREATENING) DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF VARIOUS USSR CITIZENS.

"3. ON DECEMBER 11, MEMBERS OF THIS ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WALKED ALONGSIDE SOVIET CITIZENS PASSING BY ON THE STREET, ESPECIALLY WOMEN, YELLING OBSCENE OATHS AND INSULTS UNWORTHY OF A CULTURED PERSON, AND THREATENED PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. IN PARTICULAR, THE WIFE OF V.A. ZHARKOV, FORMER ADVISER OF THE USSR MISSION, WAS SUBJECTED TO SUCH INSULTS. DESPITE DIRECT APPEALS TO THE POLICE WHO WERE ON THE SCENE, BY THE SOVIET CITIZENS WHO WERE THE VICTIMS OF THESE ZIONIST HOOLIGANS, THEY DID NOT RENDER THEM THE NECESSARY AID AND COOPERATION.

" THE MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UN DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE STATEMENT ABOVE AND FIRMLY DEMANDS THE TAKING OF STEPS FOR THE PROTECTION OF BOTH THE USSR MISSION AND OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK FROM SUCH HOSTILE ACTS, BY ZIONIST ELEMENTS KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, AS WELL AS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING NORMAL WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE HOST COUNTRY."

2. WE ARE SENDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO SOVIETS INFORMING THEM THAT THREATENING LETTER SENT BY JDL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO US ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NY FOR STUDY. FURTHER, THAT NYPD IS TAKING ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT MISSION AND ITS STAFF.
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